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## **Leavenworth man convicted of felony flee and elude**

**LEAVENWORTH, Kan.** --- A 42-year-old man was found guilty Tuesday of felony flee and elude following a one-day jury trial in Leavenworth County District Court.

According to court records, Raheem Armstead, of Leavenworth, was convicted Jan. 20 after evidence showed he fled from a Leavenworth police officer during a traffic stop attempt on Feb. 24, 2024.

A Leavenworth police officer on patrol observed Armstead near Ottawa Street and North Seventh Street after seeing him at a gas station. The officer followed Armstead through the city, where Armstead initially began pulling to the side of the road. When the officer activated emergency equipment to initiate a traffic stop, Armstead accelerated away, and a pursuit was initiated.

During the pursuit, Armstead's vehicle reached speeds exceeding 60 miles per hour in a posted 30-mph zone. Officers ultimately discontinued the chase due to public safety concerns. Armstead was not apprehended that day but was later arrested on a separate date.

"A driver who chooses to flee at high speeds through city streets puts everyone at risk," said Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson. "We appreciate the law enforcement officers who assisted in this case, and we are thankful no one was injured that night."

Armstead is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 27, 2026.